

In our current era we are lucky to have a strong core military in place of our nation's defense. What is even more fortunate is that it consists of all volunteers. However, if our country were to need another draft, both men and women should be required to perform service of a two year term. Present conditions of society view men and women as equal. In a family view either the man or the woman can carry out financial or domestic requirements. Also with both men and women drafted it is less likely too old or too young of people would be required to serve.

During WWII and Vietnam the restriction on women being drafted was merely based on the social thought that women were more fragile, less smart or simply could not perform military duties. Since these primitive justifications women are treated equally and viewed more importantly, as capable of the same tasks as men. A woman can perform duties as well as a man may.

Another reason women were left out of previous drafts is their duties to family. Until fairly recently the job of a woman was to take care of her children. Society had families constructed where the man was the provider and the woman the care taker. Today it is common to find places reversed and even single parent families. So the basis of having only men drafted holds no value when it comes to family. No more is the man the only provider and neither is the woman the only caretaker of the family.

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Finally when it comes to drafts the final flaw is age. In past situation men were first called upon by age twenty-one. Then when more troops were needed the age went down to eighteen. A lottery was implaced after that. If our nation were to go to war, were a draft was needed, the factor of women could help prevent people with families, or people in highschool to continue their lives and not be sent off to war.

Hopefully this great nation will never again need a draft. If however, war brought a drafting system back it would be ideal to include women. Times have change and men and women are equal people. families are no longer dependant on one of the other and with women involved we may be able to save the eighteen-year old highschool graduate of the mother of two sons.

Score Point: 5

This response reflects strong proficiency in persuasive writing skills. The writer presents a sophisticated argument in favor of requiring all Americans to serve in the military, and focuses on the advisability of including women in the draft. Key ideas are coherently developed and illustrated to support this position. Syntactic variety and facility in the use of language are demonstrated (in our current era we are lucky to have a core military in place; naively based on the social thought that women were more fragile; the basis of having only men drafted holds no value). Although some errors in spelling and word choice are displayed, they do not detract from the writer's thoughtful message.